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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Our Special Correspondent Writes Entertainingly of Things at Washington.

Two New York delegates to the republican national convention have been instructed to vote for Secretary Taft and four other districts have refused to instruct their delegates to vote for Governor Hughes. Three Illinois districts have refused to instruct their delegates to vote for Joseph G. Cannon and one Illinois district has instructed its delegates to vote for Taft. In Wisconsin, at least one Taft delegate has been elected. This trend of delegates in "favorite son" states might be taken to mean that Secretary Taft and his managers had decided to abandon the position announced in the Parsons letter, in which the secretary declared his purpose not to seek support in states which had favorite sons of their own, but that is not the case. No work whatever has been done in favorite son states by any authorized representatives of Secretary Taft and the instruction of delegates for him in those commonwealths is merely the result of the almost irresistible desire of politicians to cast in their lot with the winning candidate. As the returns come in from one state after another, showing a steady growth of Taft sentiment, so that now practically 300 of the 960 delegates to the national convention are instructed for Taft, the efforts of those who are seeking to promote the fortunes of the other candidates become conspicuously futile, and there is reason to believe that before the convention meets in June, the force of the tide will have become irresistible. The president is "delighted" at these results and is as exuberant as a boy with a new sled.

The senate, so often charged with being slow and cautious, has once more exhibited its ability to do things promptly and in good order by passing the employers' liability bill precisely as it came from the house. A decided effort was made to substitute the La Follette bill but it was defeated. Senator Knox was anxious to have his bill adopted, but when it was pointed out to him that such action by the senate might result in the defeat of any measure of the kind in conference he cheerfully withdrew his claims and permitted the house bill to go through. Under the terms of the bill which has now passed both houses, employees of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce are afforded every possible opportunity to recover damages for injury, while at the same time congress has carefully sought to avoid those constitutional pitfalls which caused the supreme court to declare invalid the employers' liability act now on the statutes. The passage of this bill is in accord with the earnest recommendation contained in the last two special messages of the president and constitutes the first step toward carrying out the president's recommendations in this congress. If the Aldrich bill can be passed by the house that will constitute a second but the chances are that no other legislation of importance will be passed at this session.

The senate, however, has not been idle this year and a number of important treaties have been ratified. Many of these are pursuant to the deliberations of the last Hague conference, but others provide for arbitration with specific powers,

for extradition and other agreements with foreign nations, all of which serve the useful purpose of making smoother international relations and more unlikely those sources of friction which are usually the cause of war.

Representative "Jim" Watson, of Indiana, the republican "whip" of the house, is continuing his efforts in behalf of an early adjournment of congress. Mr. Watson declares he has received assurances on every hand that the proposal to adjourn about May 10th is feasible and that the energies of the leaders of both houses of congress will be bent toward that end. Apparently the chief question to be considered is what President Roosevelt will think of an adjournment without definite action on the matters he urged in his recent message.

Darwin J. Merrerole of the ethical-social league of New York called at the White House this week to ask the president to consider the advisability of naming a commission at once to enter upon the study of the question of what may be done to help the million or more unemployed men of the country. Mr. Merrerole believes that such a commission should promptly visit Europe, where the old countries have had years of experience in caring for the unemployed in times of stress. It is believed that President Roosevelt will heartily cooperate in any practical plan that may be evolved by Mr. Merrerole's organization or any other. He has been much upset over the enforced idleness of thousands of men in the government navy yards at Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Washington and elsewhere, because of lack of appropriations to pay them. So far no feasible plan has been suggested.

It is the opinion of officials in Washington, conversant with the many problems involved in the administration of the municipal government at Harbin, that the question can be worked out amicably and to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. At the state department the opinion has been expressed that too great importance has been attached to the negotiations which have been under way recently, and that nothing has grown out of these negotiations that can in any way becloud the relations between this government and any of the others involved.

The Valuable Hickory Disappearing

Automobile and carriage manufacturers, along with the men of the allied vehicle industries, are giving very serious consideration to the question of the future supply of hickory timber. For automobile and carriage wheels, where strength, toughness and resiliency are essential qualities, no other wood has been found in this country that will take the place of hickory. Manufacturers say that no steel or wire spoke has yet been found that will withstand the wear and tear of the hickory spoke, and for this reason the welfare of the vehicle industry seems dependent upon the conservation of the hickory supply. In a report of the tests made by H. B. Holroyd, forest assistant, and H. S. Betts, engineer in timber tests, of the forest service, the fact is brought out that there is an error of over 50 per cent in the grading of vehicle stock, due largely to the prejudice of the manufacturers against the use of red hickory. It is shown that in clear stock, weight for weight, the red hickory is as strong as the white. By bringing this fact to the attention of the manufacturers it is hoped that much of the hickory which was formerly left as waste in the woods will be utilized by the trade, and thus prolong the rapidly disappearing supply of hickory. American hickory users will be obliged to

conserve the present supply and take steps to guarantee a future supply by encouraging private planting of the tree, whose wood is becoming more precious each year.

The President and the Navy

The indications are that congress will not heed the president's recommendation for four new battleships, in spite of the special message that was submitted Tuesday. This is regrettable, and we believe that the country is with Roosevelt on the proposition. His arguments are sound and weighty. If we are going to maintain our position as a world power we must be prepared to back it up properly. We have more coast line to defend than any nation in the world and we have two oceans for our commerce. At the present time on account of the smallness of the fleet, there cannot be gathered in the Atlantic Ocean a sufficient force to make even a respectful showing against any pretentious European power. The Atlantic coast today is in practically the same condition the Pacific coast was before the battleship fleet started around the Horn. When the battleship fleet returns to the Atlantic the Pacific coast will be deprived of a defensive force.

The United States now is building two big battleships. Japan soon will have ready two big battleships of the same type. She has laid down two others and is preparing to add seven more to her fleet. The British now have ten big battleships with their keels laid and propose to lay down two this year. France has six under construction and six projected. Germany is building five and has authorized four for this year, four for next year, four for the following year, and so on until 1917.

In order to retain the position we now occupy as a naval power, it is imperative that the four battleships should be authorized. In urging this addition, however, the president is not so much concerned about the rank of the United States as a naval power as he is as to the necessity of providing the country with an adequate force to make a belligerent nation think twice before infringing upon American interests.

The president's view is that "the United States navy is the best guarantee the nation has that its honor and interests will not be neglected; and in addition it offers by far the best insurance for peace that can by human ingenuity be devised." We think that every American citizen who gives the matter thorough consideration will agree with him.—News-Press.

There's no excuse for a man's making the same mistake twice when there are so many other mistakes to make.

The average girl weds, not because he is good enough for her, but because he is too good for any other girl to get.

Forker Items

Floyd Facto was a Laclede visitor Wednesday.
Ward Welsh was a Forker visitor Wednesday.
Misses Etta and Marie Welsh spent Wednesday in Laclede.
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Read were Brookfield visitors Wednesday.
There will be preaching in Forker Sunday morning and evening.
C. E. Hilton and E. B. Allen were Forker visitors Wednesday.
Wilbur Cook, from near Rothville, was a Forker visitor Wednesday.
The new store will be open and ready for business Saturday, April 18.
Mrs. E. K. Welsh is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Jones, in Laclede.
Mrs. L. A. Read and Mrs. Mary Patch spent Sunday with Mrs. Flora Test.
Claude S. Baker spent Saturday evening and Sunday with his parents at Hale.
Mr. and Mrs. Smart, of Sumner, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heyford.
Miss Myrtle Read is here from Nashville, Tenn., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Read.
Mrs. Georgia Boomer and little daughter Gladys are spending the week with relatives at Forker.

This Time Last Year

BEANS
Black Wax
Six Weeks
Golden Wax
Lazy Wife
Early Valentine
Kentucky Wonder
Cut Short
Bush Lima
Pole Lima
SWEET CORN
Country Gentleman
Stowell's Evergreen
Cory Mammoth
Early Minnesota
Rice Popcorn
WATERMELONS
Dixie
Georgia Rattlesnake
Sweetheart
Cuban Queen
Rockford
SMALL GARDEN SEEDS
LETTUCE
Prize Head
RADISHES
Rose Gem
Icele
Scarlet Turnip
White Turnip
Chartier
French Breakfast
BEETS
Blood Turnip
Blood Turnip Long
TOMATOES
Various kinds
Carrots
Hollow C. Parsnips
White P. Celery
Salsify
Parsley
Flower Seeds

We were dodging the tail of the comet, but now we are just getting up from the stroke of the great American panic. In order to return again to prosperity we must go very slow and plant nothing but the

Cash Route Garden Seeds

That Are Sure to Grow
SEE THE LIST

Also a great variety of small seeds that space doesn't admit. All of the above seeds are fresh from the western growers. All who have planted the Cash Route Seeds in the past can testify to their quality. Will send out my large seed catalogues next week. Seeds in bulk are the surest and best; 100 per cent cheaper than paper seeds. I will also have all kinds of plants in season. Thanking the public for past patronage, I am

PEAS
American Wonder
Little Gem
First and Best
Telephone
Premium Gem
Champion of England
Bliss Everbearing
Pride of the Market
CABBAGE SEED
Early Winningstat
Early J. Wakefield
Flat Dutch
Late Flat Dutch
Surehead
MUSKMELONS
Rocky Ford
Hackensack
Nutmegs
Banana
Green Fleshed
VINE VEGETABLES
SQUASHES
Hubbard
Early S. Bush
PUMPKINS
Kentucky Field
Chinese Pie
Tennessee Sweet
Potato
CUCUMBERS
Long Green
Early Gr'n Cluster
Long White Spine
SEEDPOTATOES
I have them all
Early Six Weeks
Early Ohio
Early Rose

Yours truly

J. N. WILSON

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Remember it is now the time of year when you need to have your spring suits, hats and various other articles of wearing apparel cleaned and dyed.

We are here for that purpose

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We guarantee satisfaction

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Three Good Barbers

When you get a hair tonic, call for the leading tonics on the market. The liquid head rest 15c, the Endora 10c and several other 10c tonics. Have your hair stopped from falling out by having it singed. Do not wait till you are bald-headed.

Yours for business,

WEAVER BROS.

(3rd Door North of Railroad.)

Assignee's Notice

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the assigned estate of Charles B. Welsh, that the undersigned, assignee of said Charles B. Welsh, intends to apply to the Circuit Court of Linn county, Missouri, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the city of Linneus, on Monday, May 18th, 1908, for final discharge from his trust as such assignee.

C. E. HILTON,

Assignee of Charles B. Welsh.

Seed Corn for Sale

Boone County White. This is the best white corn on the market and pure seed. Shelled or in the ear, \$1.00 per bushel. In new sacks, 25 cents extra.

E. K. WELSH,
Route 1, Laclede, Mo.
Phone 103.

Assignee's Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, assignee of Charles B. Welsh, will be at the office of the clerk of the circuit court, in the city of Brookfield, in Linn county, Missouri, on April 27th, 28th and 29th, 1908, for the purpose of adjusting and allowing demands against the estate of said assignor.

C. E. HILTON,

3-28-08-4w Assignee.

It is not necessary, because your guest of honor is a chiropodist, to have corned beef for dinner.

Some people who are selfish in other respects never think of keeping their opinions to themselves.

Probably the most expensive of fur coats is the one a man is apt to find on his tongue the next morning.